GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6908
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2003
IRREGULARITIES BY MANUFACTURERS OF MEASURING TAPES
M.H. AMBAREESH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints/suggestions regarding gross irregularities committed by manufacturers of measuring tapes in Punjab who do not strictly comply with the various terms and conditions laid down in the Weights and Measures Act;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints/suggestions received during the current year by your Ministry and also by the Controller of Legal Metrology (Weights and Measures) Punjab alongwith the action taken by your Ministry as well as by the above Controller, separately on each of the complaint;

(c) whether the above manufacturers are also exporting measuring tapes directly and also indirectly;

(d) if so, the details of pieces exported during each of the last five years both directly and indirectly alongwith their type and numbers length-wise separately for both type of exports; and

(e) the details of the States and buyers in the country where and to whom such consignments of measuring tapes were dispatched during the above period only in the cases of indirect exports ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Complaints have been received recently in the Ministry from the following Hon'ble Members of Parliament alleging irregularities by the manufacturers of measuring tapes in Punjab.

Member of Parliament	Date	Nature of complaint
Shri Ramjiee Manjhi Shri Padmanava Behera	30.4.03 25.3.03	Non-submission of returns as required in the Gazette notifications providing permission for manufacture of non-standard tape measures, issued by the Central Government.
Sri Ram Prasad Singh Shri Laxman Giluwa Dr. P.K. Patasani	11.4.03 09.4.03 08.4.03	Seeking cross checking of returns filed by the manufacturers with the documents submitted to other Government agencies.
Shri Sheesh Ram Singh	11.4.03	Non-maintenance of registers regarding production details.

The complaints are being examined in consultation with the enforcement authorities in Punjab. The Controller Legal Metrology, Punjab has informed that no complaints have been received at their end.

(c) to (e): The Controller Legal Metrology, Punjab, who is the authority for issuing manufacturing licence in the State, has stated that the manufacturers export their measuring tapes, directly. As tapes exported are not required to be verified by the enforcement agencies, the said manufacturers were not submitting their periodical returns. So the information regarding tapes exported during the last five years is not available. However, the manufacturers have been directed to submit their returns to the authorities for renewal of their

manufacturing license.